



File Code: 1950
Date: November 30, 2020

Dear Interested Party:

The South Branch Kinzua Creek Supplemental Environmental Assessment is now available for public review and comment. This project supplements the existing South Branch Kinzua Creek decision signed in 2008 adding shelterwood removal cuts and additional reforestation treatments for 11 stands that were approved for shelterwood seed cuts and reforestation treatments in the original South Branch Kinzua Creek decision. The proposed removal cuts and additional reforestation treatments would ensure timely removal of the stand overstories when adequate regeneration is established in these stands. The supplemental environmental assessment and supporting documents are available on the Allegheny National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57331>.

A draft decision notice will be prepared after this comment period ends. Eligible parties may object to the draft decision under the procedures identified at 36 C.F.R. part 218.

- To be eligible to object, an individual or entity must submit timely and specific written comments during a designated comment period. This comment period, and the earlier scoping period, are both considered designated comment periods.
- Comments must be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider. They must also identify the title of the project and provide the name and postal address of the commenter. A signature, or other verification of identity, may also be required upon request.
- Comments must be postmarked, or otherwise received, no later than 30 days after publication of this legal notice. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the 30-day comment period on the environmental assessment. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be available for public inspection as part of the project record. They may be submitted to the responsible official in the following ways:

- **Mail:** Robert T. Fallon, District Ranger, Marienville Ranger District, 131 Smokey Lane, Marienville, PA 16239
- **Fax:** (814) 927-2285
- **Email:** comments-eastern-allegheny-marienville@usda.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted in formats compatible with Microsoft Office and Adobe Acrobat



software. Please include "*South Branch Kinzua Creek SEA*" on the subject line and include your name and physical mailing address with your comments.

- **Verbal comments** may be submitted by calling (814) 927-5700 during normal business hours. Normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this process. If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact me at (814) 927-5799.

Sincerely,



ROB FALLON
District Ranger